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Applicants: Ocel et al.

Examiner: Vrettakos, Peter J.

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Title: FLUID-ASSISTED ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH  
SHAPEABLE ELECTRODE

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response and amendment are submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2006, the unextended period for response to which is October 21, 2006.

A request for a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) has been filed with this amendment. Please charge to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 the fee of \$450.00 which is required for the two-month extension of time.

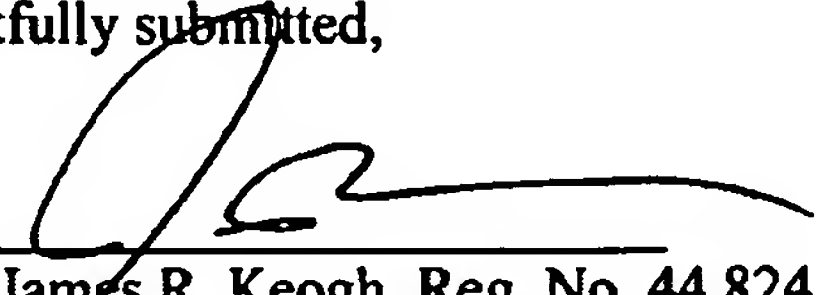
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If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 12/21/06

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